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Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments: appointment of members of the International Civil Service Commission

Report of the Fifth Committee

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1. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 17 September 2010, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its sixty-fifth session, under the item entitled "Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments", the sub-item entitled:

"(d) Appointment of members of the International Civil Service Commission:

"(i) Appointment of members of the Commission;

"(ii) Designation of the Chairman of the Commission",

and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. At its 14th meeting, on 5 November 2010, the Fifth Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Note by the Secretary-General concerning the vacancies in the membership of the International Civil Service Commission that would occur as a result of the expiration of the terms of office of five of its members on 31 December 2010 (A/65/104/Rev.1);

(b) Note by the Secretary-General containing the names of persons nominated by their respective Governments for appointment or reappointment to the Commission, to fill the following vacancies: two members from the African States, one member from the Eastern European States, one member from the Latin American and Caribbean States and one member from the Western European and Other States (A/C.5/65/7);

(c) Note by the Secretary-General containing the name of one person nominated by his respective Government for designation to the post of Chair of the International Civil Service Commission (A/C.5/65/7/Add.1).

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3. At the same meeting, the Chair of the Committee informed the Committee that the Secretariat had received a note verbale dated 29 October 2010 from the Permanent Mission of Argentina to the United Nations, informing it that the Government had withdrawn its candidature for re-election as a member of the International Civil Service Commission.

4. Also at the same meeting, the Committee decided, by acclamation, to recommend to the General Assembly the appointment of Daasebre Oti Boateng (Ghana), Kingston Papie Rhodes (Sierra Leone), Carleen Gardner (Jamaica) and Marie-Françoise Bechtel (France) as members of the Commission for a four-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2011 (see para. 8).

5. The Fifth Committee then proceeded to elect, by secret ballot, one person from among the two candidates nominated by the Group of Eastern European States. The result of the voting was as follows:

Number of ballots cast:	188
Invalid ballots:	0
Number of valid ballots:	188
Abstentions:	3
Number of members voting:	185
Required majority:	93
Number of votes obtained:	
Eugeniusz Wyzner (Poland)	110
Eugen Mihut (Romania)	75

6. Having obtained the required majority, Eugeniusz Wyzner (Poland) was recommended for appointment as member of the Commission for a four-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2011 (see para. 8).

7. At its 14th meeting, on 5 November, and based on the outcome of the election of the members to the International Civil Service Commission, Kingston Papie Rhodes was the only declared candidate for designation as Chair. The Committee decided, by acclamation, to recommend to the General Assembly that it designate Kingston Papie Rhodes (Sierra Leone) as Chair of the International Civil Service Commission for a four-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2011 (see para. 8).

Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

8. The Fifth Committee recommends that the General Assembly:

(a) Appoint the following persons as members of the International Civil Service Commission for a four-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2011:

Ms. Marie-Françoise Bechtel (France)
Mr. Daasebre Oti Boateng (Ghana)
Ms. Carleen Gardner (Jamaica)
Mr. Kingston Papie Rhodes (Sierra Leone)
Mr. Eugeniusz Wyzner (Poland);

(b) Designate Mr. Kingston Papie Rhodes (Sierra Leone) as Chair of the International Civil Service Commission for a four-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2011.